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SUBJ: ICRC PRESS RELEASE ON ISRAELI PRISON CONDITIONS

REF: JERUSALEM 36

1. VARIOUS JERUSALEM NEWSPAPERS HAD RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THE ICRC HAD INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT IT WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH CONDITIONS IN ISRAELI JAILS FOR WEST BANK PRISONERS. LOCAL ICRC REPS HAVE TOLD US THAT SUCH REPORTS WERE COMPLETELY INACCURATE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION. IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF WEST BANKERS, ICRC ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON JANUARY 12, 1977:

QUOTE: SINCE 1968, ICRC DELEGATES HAVE BEEN GRANTED EVERY FACILITY BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO VISIT DETAINEES FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE ARAB STATES, WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE UNDERGOING INTERROGATION. ICRC DELEGATES HAVE OBSERVED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN DETENTION CONDITIONS, BUT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REAISED UNCLASSIFIED

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REGULARLY BY THE ICRC HAVE NOT BEEN SOLVED. ONE SUCH PROBLEM IS THE OVERCROWDING. IN ADDITION SOME IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES, CULTURAL FACILITIES AND FAMILY CONTACTS, SUGGESTED BY THE DELEGATES AND MENTIONED TO ICRC BY THE DETAINEES ON STRIKE IN ASHKELON JAIL SINCE DECEMBER 10, 1976 HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. ICRC CONSIDERS THAT THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED QUICKLY, PARTICULARLY THE OVERCROWDING. UNQUOTE

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